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News Release

MARLBOROUGH RESIDENT ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF PRODUCING AND SELLING FALSE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

BOSTON—A Brazilian man residing in Marlborough was arrested today on charges in connection with his alleged production and sale of counterfeit green cards and social security cards.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Matthew J. Etre, acting special agent-in-charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), announced today that Horacio Neto, age 39, of 110 Boston Post Road, Marlborough, Mass., was arrested on a criminal complaint charging him with manufacturing and transferring false identification documents.

According to the affidavit filed in support of the complaint, a confidential source (“CS”) cooperated with ICE agents in an undercover investigation. It is alleged that through telephone calls the CS made arrangements to purchase from Neto two sets of fraudulent green cards and social security cards. It is alleged that on June 10, 2005, the CS met with Neto in a parking lot in Marlborough and provided Neto with a digital memory card containing two photos, names and dates of birth to be used on the fraudulent documents. According to the affidavit, Neto left with the items and information and entered an apartment building located at 195 East Main Street, Marlborough, Mass. It is alleged that Neto rented an apartment at this location for operating his false document production business. Neto returned to the meeting place approximately 40 minutes later providing the CS with two sets of fraudulent documents. It is alleged that the CS paid Neto \$160 in cash for the fraudulent documents.

It is alleged that in July 2005, the CS purchased an additional two sets of fraudulent identification documents from Neto again paying \$160 in cash.

Neto will appear this afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Judith Dein. If convicted, Neto faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine. Additionally, Neto faces possible deportation to his native Brazil upon completion of any prison sentence that is imposed.

The case is being investigated by ICE. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Antoinette Leoney in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

The details contained in the complaint are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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